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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oath & Declaration of 1-5-2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date . . .

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. It is noted that USPTO has received an oath and declaration and a response to pre-exam formalities notice, both are filed on January 5, 2004. **Claims 1-16 with a total of five independent claims (Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) are now pending.** An action follows.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. **Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 14-16**, drawn to an aromatic compound and its polymer having both fluoroalcohol group(s) and -(OR³)_m group(s) wherein -OR³ is hydroxyl, alkoxy or aryloxy, classified in class 526, subclass 346.

II. **Claims 2, 5, 7, 9 and 12**, drawn to an alicyclic compound having both fluoroalcohol group(s) and -(OR³)_m group(s) wherein -OR³ is hydroxyl, alkoxy or aryloxy, classified in class 526, subclass 242.

III. **Claims 3, 10 and 13**, drawn to an alicyclic compound having both fluoroalcohol group(s) and -(R⁴)_m group(s) wherein R⁴ is hydrogen atom, alkyl or aryl, classified in class 526, subclass 308.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the others because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are all unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different same functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). Although the compounds in all invention groups may use the same or similar repeating fluorinated alcohol units, they are actually quite different compounds due to the main difference on aromatic or alicyclic structure as well as the substitution of -OR or -R linkers. The process of making is unique and thereby not interchangeable.

4. In the instant case **Group I** was drawn to an aromatic fluoroalcohol and its derivative with extra -OR group(s), **Group II** was drawn to an alicyclic fluoroalcohol and its derivative with extra -OR group (s), while **Group III** was drawn to an alicyclic fluoroalcohol and its derivative with extra -R group (s). Additionally, the compound in Group I may be further related to polymerizable monomeric compound. Therefore, the scope of the claims, i.e., the metes and boundaries are distinct.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for each group is not required for other groups have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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6. It is noted that no phone call was made to **J. D. Evans (tel: 202 624-2500)** by the examiner due to the complexity, for instance five independent claims. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Henry S. Hu whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1103**. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM –5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for all regular communications.

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